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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6998  
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 12018

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR UR SY

SUBJ: POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF SOVIET DEP FONMIN IN DAMASCUS

1. DURING JULY 29 POL COUNSELORS' MEETING, FRG POL MINISTER-COUNSELOR ARNOT SAID GERMAN EMBASSY IN DAMASCUS HAD RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTING PRESENCE OF SOVIET FIRST DEP FONMIN KUZNETSOV IN DAMASCUS TO TALK TO PALESTINIAN GROUP HOLDING DISCUSSIONS WITH SYRIANS, AS WELL AS TO SYRIANS THEMSELVES. ARNOT ALSO REPORTED THAT PALESTINAIAN GROUP HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO DAMASCUS MUKHITDINOV.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION OR AMPLIFICATION ON THESE ITEMS FROM ADDRESSEE POSTS.  
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